

B-3471 - B-3475

1953/c.1860-1870's

Cross St. Market/17-47 E. Cross St. (South side)

Baltimore, Md.

Public and private access

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The current Cross St. Market building is a one story high, concrete block structure with flat roof that occupies that entire block between the north and south sides of Cross St., and between S. Charles St. on the west and Light St. on the east. The present building replaced the original market sheds and 1870's brick Market Hall which were destroyed by fire in 1951. 17, 43, 45, and 47 E. Cross St. are all three story, two bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices which currently serve a combined residential/commercial function. The houses are located along the south side of Cross St., south of the Cross St. Market and are the only surviving nineteenth century buildings in the block, the rows of similar houses that once lined the block having been destroyed in the 1951 Market fire. The buildings that replaced those destroyed in the fire are all one and two story modern commercial structures.

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

B-3474  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

45 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
\_\_\_ STRUCTURE  
\_\_\_ SITE  
\_\_\_ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
\_\_\_ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS  
\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
\_\_\_ NO

#### PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE	___ MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	___ PARK
___ EDUCATIONAL	___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ ENTERTAINMENT	___ RELIGIOUS
___ GOVERNMENT	___ SCIENTIFIC
___ INDUSTRIAL	___ TRANSPORTATION
___ MILITARY	___ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice was built in the late 1850's as part of the development of this side of Cross St. The first floor area has been converted into a modern store-front, though it seems always to have served as a commercial area.

The house is three stories in height, 16 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 61' deep. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of block modillions and a row of dentils set above a plain frieze area. Two end brackets support the entire cornice.

The second and third floor window openings have common arch lintels and solid wood tympanums. The sills are wood. All of the window openings have 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area has been converted into a modern store-front with a centrally located, pair of glass doors set beneath a single light transom, and flanked by two two-sided plate glass shop windows set on brick bases covered with aluminum siding. A deep, flat aluminum sign area extends across the entire width of the store-front. The entrance is reached directly from the sidewalk.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1858	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Charles Weber
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 17 E. Cross St.

The house was built by a Charles Weber, to whom the Mayor and City Council leased the property in 1858 as part of their development of this south side of Cross St. Weber operated a grocery store around the corner on Light St. and was also responsible (along with his brother Augustus) for the development of the row of houses along Weber St. in the next block east.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GES 146, Folio 464

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

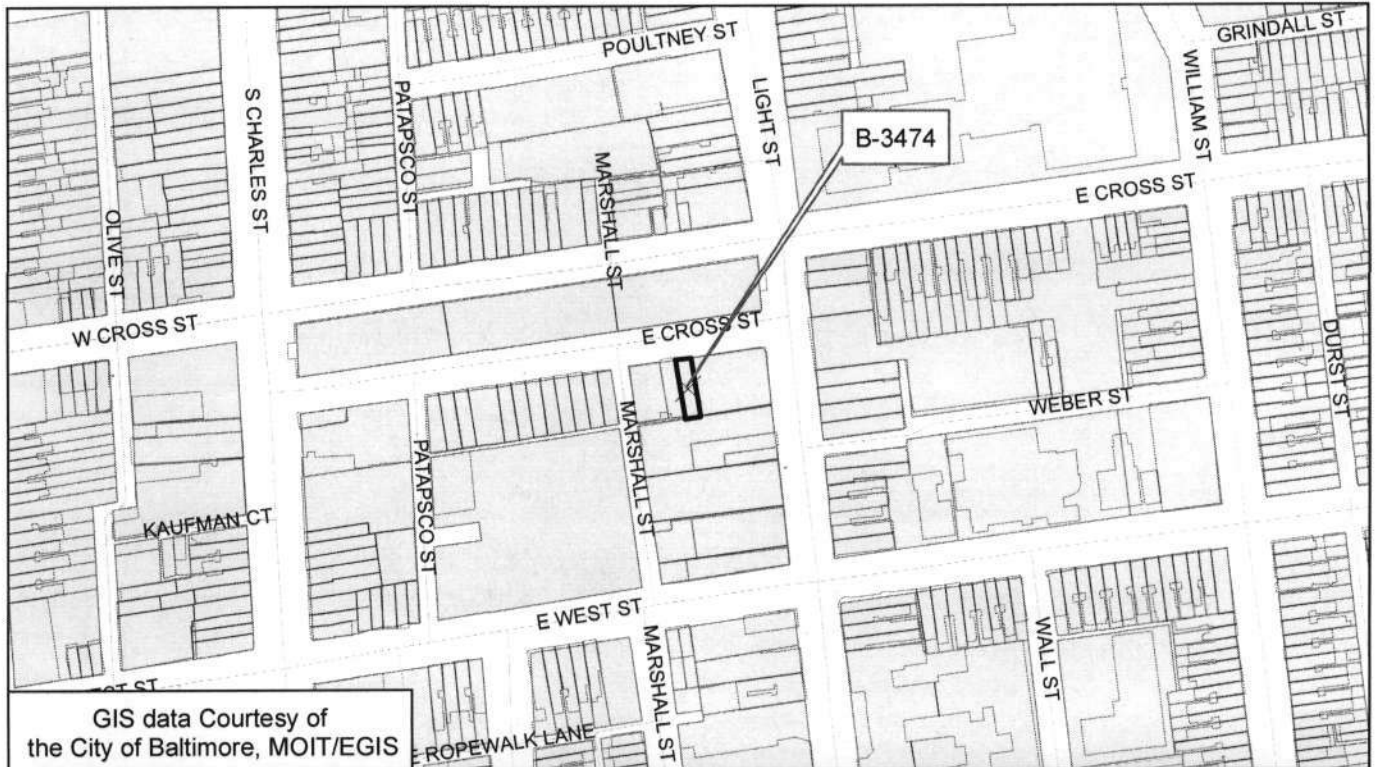
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45 E. Cross Street  
Block 0950 Lot 073  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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45 E. Cross St.

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North elevation